

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously Presented) An article to be worn about a wearer comprising:

a surface fastening system having a primary direction of load bearing, the surface fastening system including a first surface fastening element and a second surface fastening element, the first fastening element being joined to the article, the second fastening element being disposed so as to be generally in a face to face relationship with the first fastening element when the surface fastening system is in an engaged configuration to fasten at least a portion of the article, the first surface fastening element further including an effective dimension Y extending substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis of the article, the effective dimension Y increasing from a distal edge of the first fastening element to a proximal edge of the first fastening element.

2-3 (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 1, wherein the first fastening element further includes a first edge and a second edge, the first edge being offset from the second edge in the direction of effective dimension Y, wherein the first edge is longer than the second edge.

5. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 1, wherein a portion of the second fastening element is unjoined from an underlying structure of the article.

6-7 (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 1, further comprising a chassis including an absorbent member.

9. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 1, wherein the article is selected from one of the group of an absorbent article, a diaper, a sanitary napkin, and a body wrap.

10. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 1, wherein the article is adapted to form a pant-like article.

11-33 (Canceled)